

FISCAL NOTE

HB 644 - SB 1017

March 16, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires oversight of the Cover Tennessee program by the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$91,000 Recurring
\$3,800 One-Time**

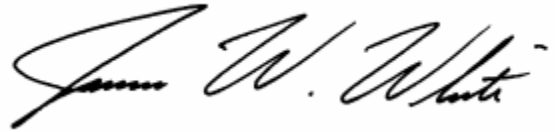
Assumptions:

- The TennCare Oversight Committee will have the additional oversight of the eligibility, benefits, program operational features and all other relevant aspects of the Cover Tennessee program which includes CoverTN, AccessTN, CoverKids, CoverRx, and the Project Diabetes/Coordinated School Health initiatives.
- The Committee will also be responsible for maximizing the utilization of state funds in the Cover Tennessee programs and the TennCare program and the coordination of all insurance programs in the state.
- The Committee will also be responsible for the oversight of the situation that uninsured individuals face in the state.
- The Committee will need a Program Analyst to assist with the new responsibilities as well as the current Bureau of TennCare and Department of Health oversight requirements, as well as constituent services that the staff of the Committee provides.
- Such will increase recurring state expenditures of \$91,000 for salary and benefits. There will be an increase in one-time expenditures of \$3,800 for office furniture, a computer, and a telephone system.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director